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REMARKS

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of this Patent Application, particularly in view of the above Amendment and the following remarks.

No additional fee is required for this Amendment as the number of independent claims has not changed, and the total number of claims has decreased.

Telephone Interview Summary

Applicants thank the Examiner for his time and courtesies extended during a telephone interview with Applicants' undersigned attorney on 07 December 2004. Applicants proposed the above Amendment and argued the following remarks. The Examiner indicated the Amendment and remarks appeared to overcome the rejection over the Mochida Patent, however, subject to a more detailed review of the Mochida Patent. No agreement was reached.

Request for Additional Telephone Interview

Applicants kindly request the Examiner to contact the undersigned at (847) 490-1400 to schedule another telephone interview, to further discuss the merits of this Patent Application.

Interview Record

OK 2004.

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